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CITY OF LONG BEACH 2006 ELECTION CYCLE OPENS ON JANUARY 1, 2005

Primary Nominating Election To Be Held April 11, 2006

All odd numbered Long Beach Council Districts (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) and the citywide offices of Mayor, City Attorney, City Prosecutor, and City Auditor will be considered in the primary nominating election to be held on April 11, 2006. The 2006 Election Cycle formally opens January 1, 2005, with the actual nomination period opening in December 2005.

Beginning January 1, 2005, interested candidates may establish campaign committees and receive campaign contributions. There are several legal guidelines to receiving and spending campaign contributions.

The City's Municipal Code requires (that) all campaign disclosure statements be filed electronically into the City's Electronic Filing System. Statements are filed twice in 2005 and monthly beginning in Jan. 2006.

"This requirement and the on-line filing system was unanimously approved by the City Council in 2003 and was first used in January 2004. As intended by the City Council, the filing of these documents electronically allows candidates to comply with State reporting laws and promote transparent government," said Larry Herrera, Long Beach City Clerk. "It allows interested Long Beach voters to view campaign statements online without having to drive downtown and view and/or purchase copies."

Prior to receiving or spending campaign contributions, candidates must complete and file the California Form 410, Statement of Organization. The form is available in an interactive format on the Fair Political Practices Commission website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Individual, business and corporate contribution limits for these offices are: \$300 for City Council; \$400 for City Attorney, City Prosecutor, and City Auditor; and \$600 for Mayor. Adjustments to these amounts, if any, will be made by the City Clerk in January 2006. Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.01 discusses other elements of the Long Beach Campaign Reform Act. This code section is available at www.longbeach.gov, or at any branch library.

The nomination period to file for candidacy opens Monday, December 19, 2005, and closes Friday, January 13, 2006. A California Form 501, Candidate Intention Statement is required by the City prior to, or upon receiving, candidate nomination papers. The form is also available in an interactive format on the Fair Political Practices Commission website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

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